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"Who Is Jesus Christ?"

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"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."—Matt. 16:16.

Throughout the ages there have been many conjectures and much discussion about the Lord Jesus Christ. Men have said, "Who is Jesus; who is this One who claims the attention of all the world; who is this mighty Man who has such an abiding place in the hearts of countless millions of people?"

There have been many views about Jesus. Some have said that He was mad, that He was insane, that He was beside Himself. Some have said that He was bad, that He was in league with Beelzebub, the prince of devils. But others have said that He was exactly what He claimed to be, Jesus Christ the Son of the living God. One day He called His disciples to Him and said to them, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" They answered, "Some say thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." "But whom say ye that I am?" He asked them. And then Peter, the spokesman for the group, spoke up and said, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." This answer greatly pleased Jesus for He said, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my

Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 16:13-17).

In this message I cannot tell you all about Jesus Christ. I cannot in many messages give to you all the truth about the greatest Character of the ages. How can a man encompass the character of Jesus Christ in thirty minutes' time? We can discuss but briefly and simply some of the high points as we endeavor to answer the question, "Who is Jesus Christ?"

I. He is a Divine Person

In recent years many critics have risen up, even in prominent pulpits, and have declared that Jesus was not divine. They say that He is a mere man, the fairest flower of evolution; a good man, but just a man after all. These critics get their names upon the front page of the paper for a while, but they soon pass into oblivion, while Jesus Christ, the divine Person, stands out stronger than ever.

1. His Divinity Is Shown by His Life

(1) *He was born of a Virgin.* Look upon that beautiful scene. An angel comes to Mary and tells her that God is going to use her to bring His own Son into the world. Jesus did not have a human father; He was miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit and there has never been another birth like this. This was simply God's method of breaking the laws of heredity. His birth shows us that God isn't subject to any human or physical limitations.

We marvel at His birth and we cannot explain it outside of the supernatural power of God. In Genesis 18:14 we read these words: "Is anything too hard for

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THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

(Preached at Victory Center during Chicago city-wide Life Begins revival campaign, broadcast over Christian Business Men's Program. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

I want to bring you a message on "The Precious Blood of Christ." I think I ought to say what many another preacher would say, that it is surpassingly sweet to preach on the blood of Jesus Christ.

We turn to I Peter, the first chapter and begin with verse 18 and read through verse 23.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you. Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently; Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but

You Belong to God
First of all, you are redeemed. Are you a Christian? Then never forget it: you have been bought with a price. You are not your own. Your body does not belong to you. Sometimes people say to me, "Brother Rice, do you believe in giving God one-tenth?" I believe in giving God ten-tenths. I believe that all the money you

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Remember, Repent, Repeat

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works."—Rev. 2:5

By REV. VANCE HAVNER

(Sermon preached Monday night, April 23, 1945, at First Baptist Church, Wheaton, Illinois. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

I am glad to be with you friends tonight. I would like to have a little understanding at the beginning of the meeting. I am not a professional evangelist. I am not a Bible teacher. I sometimes tell the people that I am just a Baptist preacher doing a little Methodist exhorting around over the country. The fact is, I am just an exhorter. Somebody said the difference between a regular preacher and an exhorter is that a regular preacher takes a text and sticks to it while an exhorter takes a test and just sloshes around in it. Well, I don't know whether that is fair to exhorters or not and I hope I don't slosh around too much in the text, but I have been convinced for some time that during the past twenty-five years especially, we have had a feast of Bible interpretation and a famine of Bible application. And so I shall be engaged, by the grace of God, in trying to apply the Scriptures.

Sam Jones used to say that mustard wouldn't do you any good in a can upon the shelf. He said that you had to put it into a poultice and apply it before it was effective. Now mustard poultices are not very pleasant, as some of you may know from past experience. And the Word of God is not always pleasant when vigorously applied. But it needs to be applied. Sometimes they say to us preachers, "Why is it for almost two thousand years you have had preaching and the world is not converted yet?" And I always say, "Well, we have had soap for longer than two thousand years and people are still dirty." The soap has to be applied. And so does the Word of God. So we shall busy ourselves with the practical application of the Word of God. I hope that you will come to these services with the spirit of a child, for Jesus said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little chil-

dren, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." One of the tragedies of today is that we Americans have developed our critical faculties at the expense of our believing faculties. And we come to church prepared to stow away everything the preacher says in convenient mental pigeon-holes. I want us all to get on one level tonight and, with the hearts of children, think together about the things of God.

I have often said that every prophet of God today needs the mind of a scholar, the heart of a child, and the hide of a rhinoceros. I think that would be a perfect combination. Now I lay no claim to the first, or to the last of these, but I do trust that I may have, and I certainly want God to preserve in me, the heart of a child.

I want to read to you from Revelation the second chapter, beginning with the first verse.

I was with Dr. Pettingill and other speakers down at the Baptist Tabernacle at Atlanta three weeks ago and Dr. Pettingill calls this the second epistle to the Ephesians. That is a good name for it:

"Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven gold-



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en candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."—Rev. 2:1-5.

Then I would like to go back in the Old Testament and call your attention to a rather unfamiliar statement out of I Chronicles 12:32 where we read that "the children of Issachar . . . had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do." And then in Romans 13:11, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is

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Further Reports from Dayton

It is Monday, September 30. Yesterday I preached five times and God gave great blessing. I suppose there were seven or eight professions of faith yesterday afternoon, perhaps thirty last night, in Memorial Hall. This morning I have just returned from services in Lockridge High School where Brother Clarke sang and I spoke to 700 young people. We had a wonderful service and something like one hundred young people took a definite stand for Christ after a plain gospel message and giving out the booklet, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" I did not feel free to ask people to come forward with a regular invitation, but asked them to hold their hand if they would accept Christ, would claim Him openly and live for Him. Although I would much rather be able to have every person dealt with individually and at length, with an open Bible, as we always do in the regular services of a campaign, there was much evidence of a genuine work of God in sober hearts this morning.

I will speak four times today and most of the days this week I will speak four or five times. Services will include one seminary, a colored high school, and another white high school, radio services daily, daily afternoon service for Bible teaching, a special meeting of young business women at the "Y," etc. Thursday night we will have the city officials as special guests and the American Legion and Veterans of



Mr. W. F. Mann

Some weeks ago it was mentioned that Bill Mann had given up a fine career as a mechanical and production engineer to help promote and organize union revival campaigns for the editor. We did not have Brother Mann's picture at that time so run it now so that his likeness may become familiar to our readers. Brother Mann set up the city-wide campaign at Miami, Florida, with forty churches cooperating in March. He worked with Mr. Willis Haymaker in organizing and promoting the Chicago union campaign where Drs. Bob Jones, Paul Rood, and John R. Rice did the preaching, resulting in over two thousand public professions of faith. He set up the campaign in Goshen, Indiana, in June. He did especially fine work in setting up the large Dayton campaign which was all the more difficult because so little time remained for the organization.

Mr. Mann is a devoted Christian, a gentleman, a scholar, and an organizer. He gains the confidence of good men everywhere. He is unwavering in his devotion to Christ and his loyalty to the truth, but is wise and understanding and brotherly in dealing with all groups. I have found that he earns the great respect of the people with whom he works.

Mr. Mann will be glad to come to any city to explore the possibilities for a large union cam-

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high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

Understanding of the Times

I am especially concerned with this word about the children of Issachar, that they "had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do." I would like for you to underscore in your thinking those words, understanding, to know and to do.

Now they didn't just have a knowledge of the times. You may know a lot about the times and not understand them. There is a knowledge of the times that is to be had from listening to the radio, if you don't go crazy; reading books, magazines and papers. There is a knowledge of the times to be gained from those sources, but it is very unreliable, because you get only what those sources want you to know.

Then there is a knowledge of the times which our leaders have. But it is a proven fact that however much they may know about the times, they do not understand them for they do not see them in the light of God's Word. I have been watching experts for the last twenty-five years in particular and there is one thing I have decided: I don't want to be an expert. I think ignorance reaches its perfection in the average modern expert. Somebody has said that you could lay all of them in a row and they never would reach a conclusion. I want you to observe that this understanding which the children of Issachar had, produced a knowledge. It produced a practical knowledge, a knowledge of what to do. There are plenty of people today who know a lot about what is going on, but very few understand what is going on, and fewer still know what to do about what is going on. Therefore, we need an understanding of the times that produces a knowledge of what to do.

Anybody with his eyes wide open, a Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other, knows today that we are in the Saturday evening of the age. I thoroughly agree with that small town newspaper editor sometime ago who was casting about for a headline for that day's paper. The wires were coming in thick, fast and bad. Finally, in desperation, he gave up. And when the paper came out the headlines read, "WORLD IN AN AWFUL MESS." Well, I think that is about as good as he could have chosen. It is in a mess tonight most assuredly. You know of the fellow who asked the Englishman some time ago, "What do you think of civilization?" He said, "I think it is a good idea. Why don't somebody start it?"

I have never said that civilization was going to the dogs; I still have some respect for dogs. But my Bible says, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, (thank God, not down) and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Bible Pictures a Wicked World

I am appalled at the ignorance of the average church member today, his ignorance of God's Word, and his ignorance of the times in the light of God's Word. There never have been more avenues for the giving out of information than today, and there never has been more ignorance. The average church member, for all of his Sunday School organization and training, doesn't know what it is all about. He doesn't know which way the wind is blowing, and he doesn't know what the score is. You could go down the line today and ask the church members of America, if you could get them all together; and while they might know Samson was the strongest man and Solomon was the wisest man, if you asked them to give an intelligent statement of any outstanding doctrine of the Chris-

tian faith, they couldn't do it. Most of them are not able to give a reason for the hope that is within them. Oh, one doesn't expect a theological reason, but they cannot give even a Scriptural reason. And so many people today do not know what they believe nor why they believe it.

I am reminded of that fellow sometime ago who was asked what he believed. He said, "I believe what my church believes."

They asked him, "What does your church believe?"

"My church believes what I believe," he said.

And they asked, "Well, what do you and the church believe?"

He said, "We believe alike."

Well, you can't get anywhere with a fellow like that. The average church member today could hear a fundamental sermon in the morning and a modernistic sermon at night and never know the difference. But they say, "I didn't have time to go to a seminary." Well, that might be a good thing in some cases if you didn't. After all, all that you need is the Bible and prayer and you can find your way out of the woods. Any man can have an understanding of the times to know what he ought to do. And this is the reason why so many people today buy these poisonous religious books that are peddled from door to door. They don't know truth from error. And there is no reason for such ignorance because the Word of God is a lamp and a light, and we do not have to stumble in the dark.

I had an experience along this line at the end of World War Number One. You remember, some of you, those halcyon days after the end of that war when it looked as though the battle flags were going to be furled in the parliament of man, the federation of the world. Those were grand days there for a while. Certain preachers were coming to the front, adapting the gospel to the modern mind. And the trouble with the modern mind is that it is not very modern and it is not much mind. But a great many of them were very busy trying to adapt the gospel to it. And that stuff sounded great to me in those days. I was mesmerized with it along with a lot of other folk. For awhile I went around spraying religious dishwater, perfumed with ethical lavender, over the sins of an ungodly generation and calling it preaching. But by the grace of God I was delivered from that delusion. And only when I got back to the Word of God did I find out what I ought to do. Now I am so glad, of course, that we have the Word of God for our final authority, and I do not mean by that that the Bible is a set of proof texts for every crank on prophecy who goes around guessing at the 666 and trying to name the Anti-christ. But it is full of guide posts and not even a wayfaring man, though a fool, need err therein. And if you will compare what the Bible is saying with what you are hearing today, you need not be surprised that most people do not know what to do to see.

They were standing in perfect line." He said, "I looked at that and said, 'Well, whoever painted that picture never lived on a farm, because hogs were never known to feed like that. The first one in is the last one out, if possible. And it is everyone for himself.'" And he said, "After the war, they tell us that the nations are all going to line up at one common feed trough, as it were; they are going to line up at one common peace table and everything is going to be lovely from then on." He said, "It will be the same old hog." And I think he is absolutely right, because the human race will never be any better than the folks that are in it. The Chinese have a proverb: "You cannot carve rotten wood." And you cannot carve any better civilization than you have out of the stuff that you now have. There will have to be better people. The times will grow worse and worse, and however men may say that the human race is becoming more brotherly, II Timothy 3, pictures humanity in the last days in a way that looks like anything but a millennium to me. The fact of the business is, my friends, that there have been let loose in this land of ours subtle and sinister and Satanic forces that are growing stronger now every day because in this national emergency most of us, for fear of saying too much, have not been saying enough. And now we have it with us, and the evil grows greater every day. Any Christian who knows his Bible knows that men who do not know their Bible cannot understand the times and cannot know what to do.

During the last presidential campaign not one word was said on either side by anybody to the effect that maybe the greatest problem with all of us was that there is something fundamentally wrong with us, that our hearts need a change. "There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness," says Proverbs 30:12. The world will never be any better than its people. And the Christian who knows his Bible is not disturbed over all this chatter about internationalism and inter-racialism. I am not interested in internationalism; I am interested in super-nationalism. I belong to a holy nation. I am not so much interested in inter-racialism; I am interested in super-racialism. I belong to the sons of God with whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female. We do not move on the natural; we do not move on the contra-natural. If we are children of God we move on the supernatural. And that is what the Word of God wants us to see.

Wicked Human Hearts Are What Is Wrong

Now every Christian today who knows his Bible knows that the times are out of joint because we are out of joint, and our heads and our hands have out-run our hearts. The problem today is to catch up in our hearts to where our heads and our hands are. "If ye know these things"—that's the head, "happy are you"—that's the heart, "if ye do them"—that's the hands. There is the combination. But somewhere our hearts have been out-distanced in the race. Everything is out of joint. The homes are out of joint. Marriage is out of joint. The young generation is out of joint. "There is a generation that curseth their father and doth not bless their mother." And the greatest trouble with the young generation is the old generation. My wife and I repeatedly sit in hotel dining rooms and say, when elderly couples come in, "Now surely these must be lovely Christian people. We do hope they will act like it." And then they order a cocktail and she lights up a cigarette.

I tell you, we will never have a real revival in America until a lot of grandmothers go to the mourner's bench. Our mothers wept, they shed tears over our cradles as they dedicated us to God. But the mothers of today shed cigarette ashes, and profanity takes the place of prayer. And there is growing up under our very eyes today a generation of what somebody has called "warphans"—war-orphans, who will grow up to plague us the rest of our days unless somehow Jesus Christ is enthroned in their hearts. Womanhood has been twisted out of joint. The woman has been wearing man's clothes and doing man's

W. F. (Bill) Mann Helping Set Up Union Campaigns for the Editor

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paign and to help promote and plan it, provided that it is desired by some reputable pastors who will help to get in touch with other ministers and churches. In this way God's people can be contacted and great campaigns are often possible, though the prospect might not have been encouraging at first.

It is understood that THE SWORD OF THE LORD is glad to help explore the possibilities for revival wherever pastors and Christian leaders are interested, whether or not a Sword evangelist is used. Inquirers may write to the editor or to Mr. W. F. Mann, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

We would like to announce that THE SWORD OF THE LORD has invited Dr. Harrison M. Pierce, a fine Christian physician and missionary who worked in the editor's large campaign in Buffalo some years ago, and has set up and managed the campaign at Santa Barbara, California, for Dr. Robert J. Wells in September, to come with us regularly to set up and promote revivals. Dr. Pierce is a man of fine Christian integrity. He has been associated with the Buffalo Bible Institute and with Westmont College. He has

proven executive ability and we hope to be able to announce definitely very soon that he is coming with us. If so, he will be available soon to go into communities that seek help in organizing for large union revival campaigns led by reputable evangelists which THE SWORD OF THE LORD can endorse.

We are trying to make THE SWORD OF THE LORD a mouth-piece for evangelism, an instrument of God in bringing back great revivals. To this end we want the prayers and counsel of soul winners everywhere and would like to be of assistance both to the Spirit-filled, experienced and proven evangelists whom God has raised up for large city-wide campaigns, and to the churches, pastors, and Christian leaders who desire such campaigns in their cities.

If you feel led of God to help get such a campaign arranged for in your city, talk to several pastors and Christian leaders and if a number are interested, write us. Wherever possible we will send Bill Mann, Dr. Pierce, or some experienced and trustworthy man to explore the possibilities and see what can be done about enlisting pastors and churches in a great city-wide or town-wide campaign.

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Foreign Wars will have great delegations, representing a number of posts.

The work is hard but the dear Lord supplies strength and we have great joy in seeing people converted.

Last night I preached on "Why God Hardened Pharaoh's Heart, Killed Him, and Sent Him to Hell," and the convictions was very deep. As soon as the invitation started, six or eight men came crowding to the front faster than I could receive them. We believe that God will give a great reaping through this week.

I never heard such singing as the great congregation does under the leadership of Harry D. Clarke. The song service is as deeply spiritual as the sermon and the invitation. Brother Clarke is a great asset to the campaign.

Further reports will be given at the close of the campaign to encourage other communities to unite in great, old-fashioned revivals.

tell you I thrill every time I stand before a group of God's people over this country today; you and I have the key to the world situation today, and the only hope of the land is an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost, mourner's bench, wet-eyed revival coming down from above. And you and I, not the experts of San Francisco, hold the keys of the situation. It lies with God's people. And one old colored Negro mammy washing clothes in somebody's back yard—if she knows Jesus Christ—may know more about the key to world peace than all the celebrities of earth signing their names to peace treaties under the glittering chandeliers of all earth's halls of fame. Ah, how the Lord does turn standards upside down! True wisdom is found only in Christ, and He has the solution to the problem. We have the key to it. And the only hope is in a spiritual awakening.

I am glad that Abraham Lincoln had sense enough and wisdom enough to say in his Gettysburg address, "that this nation, under God, may have a new birth of freedom." We are "hearing a lot about freedoms of various kinds" (Continued on Page 3)

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today. Abraham Lincoln recognized that it must be under God. That is the only kind worth talking about.

We met the boys when they came home from the other World War with street dances instead of prayer meetings. I remember it. And we may do the same thing in many quarters today. Oh, I would to God that before they get back we might meet them with a church on fire, and send them back to carry the gospel where now they carry guns! But oh, my friends, the church is in poor condition to meet such a challenge. She is a house divided against herself. There is plenty of trouble in the church at best. The church needs a revival. The church, evangelical on ice, needs to become the church, evangelistic on fire. There is plenty of chain logic today, but what we need is chain lightning. This world has never been moved by chain logic. It is moved by red-hot souls, not the theological brass hats. It has always been moved by people with hot hearts, not hot heads, but hot hearts, set on fire from above. Those have moved the world from the beginning.

Campbell Morgan said one time at Winona Lake that one of the finest things he ever read about the church Hugh Price Hughes said when he gave utterance to this statement, "The symbol of the church is not a cross, but a tongue of fire." There is the symbol of a church eloquent, and a church with a message today. It has been said: "The early church started out as a company of lay-witnesses. It has become a professional pulpits, financed by lay-spectators."

I have talked with leaders and laymen all over the country. I have gathered a lot of information and more information, I fear, than illumination. And what I am about to say is not a case of sour grapes. I have never been any happier in all my life than I have been in the work I am doing. It is my sixth year of it, and I am thoroughly happy. I am tired in it, but not of it. I am very happy in it. But I want to confess to you tonight, I am getting mighty spiritually hungry to get in a good old-fashioned, sure-enough revival. I want to get in the real thing. Now I see some great meetings and I hear a lot of fine things today, but there is not that deep moving of the Spirit such as we used to see.

Now this is no mere harking back to the good old days. I don't mean that at all. But, my friends, there is a depth of conviction that is lacking today. There is a lot of superficial conviction that brings superficial aisle parades and superficial pretensions of following Jesus all the way, and they don't get down to business after all. I have a faded old book at home about the Welsh revival. I wouldn't take anything for that book. You can't get it now. In it is a sermon G. Campbell Morgan preached when he came back to Westminster chapel in London after he had visited the Welsh revival. My, my, but that preacher was on fire! He had been in a fire. And I said, "I would like to get into a fire like that." I need it; you need it; all of us preachers need it. If I could discover a fire zone like that today somewhere in the country, I would head for it in a hurry, believe me. But I tell you, the temperature is very low over the land. And it is low because you and I have been afraid to pay the price.

My friends, I wonder today whether you and I haven't assumed that because we were familiar with terms we are familiar with truths. Just because we have the shell doesn't mean we have the kernel. We may handle money and never see what picture and what date is on it. We may handle the coinage of the Word of God and rarely examine to see what image and superscription may be thereon.

Well, you ask, how are you going to stir up the Christians today? A lot of us have been studying about that. Our Arminian friends used to tell them, "If you don't get going for God, you will lose your salvation." Some of us don't believe that we will lose our salvation, but we need some kind of a prod today to get after some of our folks who are taking position truth so easy. They all rest in their position and are not doing much about their condition. I was

of sneaking intention to do it again. They feel comfortable about confessing it. "Whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

I bless God for Methodism. I discovered the other day that I was preaching to the daughter and granddaughter of Sam Jones down in Atlanta, in one of my services. They came up afterwards, and I had a happy talk with them. Old Sam Jones was a streak of fire in his day. The best thing ever said about the Methodists was said by a Methodist, so I can tell it. Sam Jones said he was going along one day with his little dog. He said that a big dog jumped out from the side of the road and started after the little dog, and down the road they ran. He said presently a great big dog jumped out and started after the big dog and the big dog after the little dog—down the road they went with a trail of dust back of them. He said, "Now that middle dog is just like a Methodist. A Methodist has got to run like everything because he has Heaven in front of him and Hell behind him." Although we don't believe Hell is going to overtake us, if we belong to the Lord, I tell you, we need some kind of a prod to get some of the saints of God to traveling a little livelier today. Somebody said, "Tell them that they will lose their reward if they don't get going." What does the average Christian care about a reward, may I ask you? Most of them think of the judgment seat of Christ as a big rally day where they get their prizes and go off with them. I think we need some preaching on that phrase, "He shall suffer loss." Now I know you have to watch there or you will be preaching a Protestant purgatory. I know that. But at the same time, my friends, I think some of us need some rousing today to get us going in practicing the things that we believe. I tell you what the issue is; it is this; and I shall have failed miserably here if I end any sermon without bringing you face to face with Jesus Christ.

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brought up in a Baptist church, but the Methodist church was not far away; and I thank God for it, because Methodism had a note that I needed and I have never lost it.

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Take out with you tonight the three "R's" that the Lord Jesus gave here: Remember, repent and repeat. Remember—stir up the gift of God that is within you; stir up your pure mind by way of remembrance; take stock of yourself, go over your life. As Mr. Finney used to say, "Take a piece of paper, put your sins down on it and you will be surprised at how much writing you may have to do."

How long has it been since you have had a revival in your own heart? I am not talking about the church. How long has it been since you have had a revival? It is so easy to say, "Our church is having a revival." Have you had one? How long has it been since you have had a going-over with God and an overhauling; since you checked up and took stock and spread out your life and said, "Holy Spirit, shine Thy light upon it. Show up all the nooks and crannies of my sinful heart. Search me and know my thoughts?" Remember!

And then repent. I like the way the Old Testament put it, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but who so confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13). Some people today confess their sins and they don't give them up. They have a sort

of sneaking intention to do it again. They feel comfortable about confessing it. "Whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

And then repeat. Get back to testimony. Get back to prayer. Get back to the Bible. Get back to the things you started out to do and to be as a Christian. We are having a lot of revivals today but they are such polite little revivals. They are such harmless little affairs. Nobody gets offended in them. The preaching of the Word of God will make people either sad, mad or glad, as a rule. But the tragedy with preaching today is that too many people are going out of our churches neither sad, mad nor glad. They are just going out. It were better that they went out mad than that they just go out. Nothing is such a hindrance to the work of God as indifference. When Elijah stood on Carmel and said, "If Baal is the one, worship him. If God, follow him," do you remember what the folks said? Why, they didn't say anything.

Dr. Andrew Blackwood was my partner in a Bible Conference out in California two years ago. Dr. Blackwood said there were three groups of people that day. He said you could number two of them; there were the priests of Baal—you could tell how many there were of those fellows, tough as they were. That is at least one good things about them; you could number them. And then there were those who had not bowed the knee and they were numbered there. But he said the toughest crowd of all was that group that answered him not a word. "I don't want to take a stand; don't count me in on this; I want to be indifferent to the whole thing." I would rather contend with the priests of Baal anytime. The hardest people today are the great mass of American people who are non-committal—"Don't count me in. I am not interested." So let's take our stand.

Revival or Removal

These three "R's" spell revival, but there is one other "R" and don't you forget it. Jesus said, "Do this or else I will remove." It is revival or removal. God will remove us out of our place of usefulness. He will take you out of your place of usefulness. He will take a church out of its place of usefulness unless it remembers and repents and repeats. Are you willing to confess your need before God? Sometime before I die I hope somebody will come to me in one church; (I hope they break the news gently because my constitution might not stand it if they said it all of a sudden) but I hope somebody will come to me in some church and say this, "Brother Hanner, there is a lot wrong in our church and I am one of the main troubles." Plenty of them say the first half of it, but I haven't had many to add the second half. Whenever people talk that way, you will have a revival.

Why do we want a revival, if we do? Do we want a revival for the sake of our reputation? Sometimes traveling preachers want a revival because it will make them look like successful preachers. Sometimes churches want revivals so they will have a lot more members. Sometimes people want their loved ones saved just so they will be easier to live with. And all that is selfish. Why do you want a revival? There is only one Scriptural reason for wanting a revival and that is for the glory of God. Don't you remember what Joel said, "Wherefore should the people say, Where is there God?" The thing that grieves my soul today is that the world is going by our churches and saying, "Ah, they haven't got anything. Where is their God?"

The other day an Englishman in a ministers' meeting was asked, "What is the attitude of England toward the church?" He said, "England is not hostile to the church; England is just by-passing the church." And they are bypassing it in America. They are going by saying, "You haven't got anything." And we don't have anything much. We have it potentially, but we don't have it practically, and powerfully, and personally. And God help us to check up on ourselves first of all.

Why do we want a revival? Now my friends, I am the weakest preacher that ever started out to preach and if anybody comes to this place expecting anything from this poor source, he will be mis-

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because it was my car. I had bought it!

Remember that you are dear to the Father and that you were bought with the precious blood of Christ. He wants you and is going to take care of you. You are dear to Him; you are redeemed.

To any lost person who is listening in today let me ask: do you know, dear friend, that Jesus Christ has bought you and has a claim on you? You were sold into sin. Your destiny and doom were to be away from God forever, but God says, "He is dear to me." It is a strange thing that people are dear to God who are not dear much to anybody else.

I get tragic stories all the time. A man has deserted his wife and she and the little children are left desolate, or a woman has left her husband. I had a letter yesterday from a man, a returning soldier, taken down with T. B., whose wife had said, "I hope you die. I do not want you to come back. You will not give me a divorce." And she will not let the children come to see him. Well, have people forsaken you? Do people despise you? Are you counted no account and does nobody care for you? I want you to know that you are dear to the Lord. You were dear to the Lord Jesus, so dear that He gave His blood for you. You are dear to the Father who allowed His Son to come and suffer and die. You are redeemed! You are not redeemed with silver and gold. Those things could not buy you. You are not bought with the

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erably disappointed. But our God is able, and I have high hopes that God wants to do a good thing here during these next days. I know that it isn't up to me, and it isn't up to Brother Smith, Brother Ashley or you individually, or what you and I can force ourselves to accomplish; but God does want willing hearts. And if you will give Him a willing heart and a surrendered heart and let Him make it a purified heart, and then a Spirit-filled heart, you will have a revival, because that is what a revival is. "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Let us stand.

PRAYER: Our heavenly Father, we have endeavored to give the Word of God tonight. We have endeavored to look into the mirror of Thy Word and see ourselves. Thou knowest, dear God, what is in Thy mind to accomplish in this place. We pray, our Father, that we shall be so yielded to Thy Spirit's working that we will not hinder the work of God and that we will work with Thee these days. Help us to remember if we have been slipping as Christians. And Lord, Thou knowest that that is the hardest thing in the world to discover about ourselves. Everybody else finds it out before we do. Some times the family find it out. Sometimes our loved ones know that we are slipping. Sometimes our companions know that we are slipping spiritually and we don't know it. We think we are getting along all right. We are going through the same motions. We are still going to church. We are singing hymns. We are praying prayers. O God, speak to us, and if we are slipping, help us to remember to check up. Stir up our minds by way of remembrance and then help us to repent, help us to be sorry about it, sorry enough over it to quit it and return to God and claim the cleansing blood and the filling of the Holy Spirit. And then help us to repeat, Lord. Help us to get back to the good old things that we started out to

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be and do by the grace of God, back to the Book and back to prayer and back to all these precious things of the Christian life. Lord, Thou knowest we never get past them any more than we ever get past the alphabet; we always need them. So may we get back to them in a fresh experience. God, help us to watch ourselves that we be not castaways, removed. O God, we don't want to be removed out of our place of usefulness. Speak to each one of us here tonight. Help us to go to our homes solemnly, pondering what the preacher has said, not just talking about the preacher. O Lord, don't let people go out of here and ask, "How did you like him? And what do you think about his sermon?" Help us to go home and ask, "What dost Thou think about us, O God? What's the matter with us? What ought we to do?" Let personalities be forgotten these days, except the precious Lord standing in the midst of the candlesticks, looking at us with those searching eyes of His and while He commands us, as He always does, praise His name for whatever good He finds even as He did here.—Oh, help us to hear Him say to us if He must say it, "I have this against thee," and help us to be alert to His will.

Now may the grace of our God be with us as we go out of here tonight. May the birds of the air not snatch the seed of the Word. May it be hidden in every heart that we may not sin against Thee. Wilt Thou do a blessed thing amongst us these days. Amen.

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wealth of this world. It could not pay the price for your redemption. But you are redeemed with the blood of Christ.

I want every Christian who hears me today, and every sinner if you are not converted, to know that you are bought with the blood of Jesus Christ and you are going to have to face it that you were bought with the blood of Jesus Christ, you are going to have to face it that an enormous price has been paid to keep you out of Hell. You ought to listen today to the sweet call of the Saviour. You ought to surrender to Him and be saved. You have been purchased. You have been redeemed. You know we will have to face this: all of us are sinners. Doesn't the Scripture say, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way"? Doesn't the Bible make it clear in the language of the Lord Jesus that "none is good, save one, that is, God"? Listen, you are a sinner, and Jesus died to save you from your sin. It is not that people in these days need soup and soap. It is not that people need education and culture. What people need is the blood of Christ applied. They have been bought by the blood, and they need Christ and His blood and what He can do for them. And so I remind you that you are redeemed.

The Price of Your Salvation: the Precious Blood

Second, consider the fact that you are redeemed by the blood, by the precious blood of Christ. There is a story back of this. Why did Jesus have to die? The reason is that it takes a life to pay for a life. You who are sinners, you who have never been converted are still under the burden and the curse that fell on Adam and all the world. You were born in this world with a nature to sin. You say, "I am not a sinner." Well, isn't it a strange thing that you make New Year's resolutions, then? You have already done all you ought to do. No you did not, and you know it. You have said things you ought not to have said. You have done things that you ought not to have done. You have a self-will that goes on without God. You have a wicked heart. You have missed God's plan. You have broken the commandments of God. You have not sought God with all of your heart, as the Bible commands. You have not loved your neighbor as yourself, as the Scripture commands.

Somebody hears me and says, "I haven't killed anybody. I haven't murdered anybody." Well, remember that I John 3:15 says: "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." So if you have ever hated anybody, you are a poor, Hell-bound sinner with the curse of murder on you, unless you get born again by the precious blood of Christ.

Somebody says, "I haven't committed adultery. I have lived a pure, clean life." But Jesus said, "whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." You say, "I haven't taken that which was not mine. I haven't stolen." But I remind you that the Ten Commandments, the command of God, says, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's." You see, God looks on the heart. It is in the heart that people are sinners.

It is not because you have done this or that that you are a sinner. You did wicked things because you were a sinner already. Sinning did not make you a sinner. You were already a sinner, and that is the reason that you have sinned and grieved God.

So you needed to be bought, you needed to be redeemed. You needed God to forgive you. You say, "I am very nice outside." But remember that the Scripture says,

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" You are a sinner, and it took the precious blood of Jesus Christ to buy you back.

You remember that in Leviticus we are told, "the life of the flesh is in the blood" (Lev. 17:11), that is the reason when a lamb was sacrificed, picturing the coming Saviour, the blood had to be poured out. It was the blood that was given symbolically for an atonement. It was the blood of the passover lamb that was smitten on the lintel above the door and on the two doorposts that the death angel might pass by and the first born might not be slain. God used the blood as the type of the precious blood of Christ that would come. You see, it took blood because it took the life of Christ to pay for your life and make it so you could have forgiveness. Why, this matter of redemption is really an old story.

Somebody says, "I cannot believe that one suffered for another." Is that so? I wonder if you ever had a mother? Did you pay her for everything she did? I wonder, did you? Did you every morning pay her for the bed you slept in? And then did you pay cash for the meals that you ate? Did you pay her for all the little clothes that she washed, and all the dirty faces she washed, and all the little noses that she helped you to blow and all the kisses she gave you when you bumped your head and all the other daily care? I wonder if anybody who hears me would have the presumption and the brass and the effrontery to say that you paid your mother for all she ever did for you? Well, then you do get a good many things by grace, don't you? You do get some things you can't pay for, don't you? It must be true, then, that one can suffer for another, don't you think so? I have known a father whose boy went into sin and the father mortgaged his farm to pay the bad checks that the boy wrote to keep him out of the penitentiary. I have known, oh how many, many times, a man who went on in sin and his wife held on to God and loved him and prayed for him and worked and slaved and washed clothes to make a little bit of money to buy food for their children while she held on, trying to redeem that man. Why, it is not unusual for one who loves another to suffer for that one. And so Christ who loved us so, suffered for you, and you are redeemed by the precious blood. I like that term. Let's consider it for a moment: the precious blood of Christ.

You know, there has been blood down through the ages. There was the blood of the passover lamb. If the Jews had, perhaps, 250,000 lambs, a quarter of a million, passover lambs slain every year, one for every large family, or for two families if they were small, that would mean for fifteen hundred years 375 million lambs, just the passover lambs alone. That is one lamb to a family a year. But you remember that the firstling of the flock was to come and one out of every ten lambs belonged to God, besides. And then there were the bullocks and the red heifer, the pigeons, turtle doves and scapegoats. All these were simply God's warning that men could never be saved without blood.

But what blood? Not the blood of bulls and goats. These did not save anybody. These were object lessons. These were only sermons for the sight. These were only tokens to speak to men's minds. The blood of a goat could not save a man. The blood of a bullock could not save a man. All these were pictures. The bullock pictured that Christ was the burden-bearing Saviour that would come. The scapegoat Christ as the One who would take away our sins from the face of God in His own death and in His own body. And so it was that the turtle dove pictured the mourning Saviour, the Man of Sorrows. The pure white pigeons pictured Christ, the pure One, the stainless One, the immaculate One, the One whom no

one could convince of sin. The lamb pictured the innocent and defenseless One, He who went like a sheep to the slaughter and as a lamb before his shearers is dumb.

I say, all these pointed to Jesus, the Saviour. All the rivers of blood of the Old Testament never saved a soul, never gave peace to a conscience, never made anybody fit for Heaven. They were only object lessons. They pointed to the Saviour. That is the reason the Scripture says that the law is a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, the moral law a schoolmaster to show men they are sinners, and the ceremonial law a schoolmaster to show that the blood can save. So, then, you see the blood of these could not save. What blood could? I'll tell you: the precious blood of Christ.

I can imagine a high priest goes in on the day of atonement, through the veil into the most holy place, there where no one has come to disturb it these 365 days since last year. And the blood of a lamb, a perfect lamb, a male lamb of the first year without blemish, is taken in a basin. The priest in his holy garments of beauty and holiness with the fringe, pomegranates and golden bells all the way around the bottom of his garment; with his ephod of blue and the curious girdle and the breastplate, with the twelve stones engraved with the twelve names of the tribes of Israel attached with golden chains to the ouches upon his shoulders; and with the mitre on his head, the mark of his high priesthood, takes the basin of blood; and on his arm there is the censer pot with the incense rising up. Someone helps him and he raises a corner of that heavy veil and slips inside. In the unearthly glow of the shekinah glory in the holy place I can imagine that as he comes to sprinkle the blood he says, "There is the dry blood I sprinkled last year. Under that is the dry blood of the lamb slain the year before. This blood cannot take away sin. It takes other blood." And so he looks forward to the coming of the Saviour. Oh, it was not the blood of lambs, not the blood of bulls, not the blood of goats, but the blood of Jesus Christ that at long last paid for man's sins! Let me tell you a little story.

A Blood Transfusion

In Dallas, Texas, one day the telephone rang. I answered and a woman's voice said, "Oh, Brother Pastor, I am in such trouble!"

I said, "What is it, Mrs. Hunter?"

She said, "Little Jackie (Jackie was six years old) has been in the hospital with pneumonia and the doctor says the pneumonia is whipped now and his lungs have cleared up, but the little body is so frail and his blood is so worn and thin that he cannot get well without a blood transfusion. I have a new baby and they will not let me give a transfusion. We do not know where to turn. What will we do?"

I said, "Don't fret about it. Leave it to me and I will see what I can do."

She said, "Oh, if you will!"

I said, "Sure, we'll get some help."

I called some friends and they said they could not come. I called some firemen, members of the church, who often gave blood transfusions. They said, "The council has forbidden us to do it any more."

So I called in my own office force, two or three or four, I remember, and said, "What about it?" Miss Lola Bradshaw agreed to go. And Lillian Smith agreed to go. And one other. We went then to have a blood test. They put a hypodermic syringe needle into our arms and took a little blood out of our veins inside the left elbow and put it into separate test tubes. I said, "If you need my blood you must decide soon. I must drive eighty miles to Bridgeport, Texas, to preach tonight."

I had hardly gotten up from the luncheon table when they phoned me and said, "We are ready. The operating room is all ready." I rushed to the hospital, took off my shirt, and lay down on an operating table. They had already rolled in little Jackie Hunter. When the nurse began to wash

with alcohol the part of his arm where the needle would go in, he began to cry and say, "Mama, what are they doing; make them stop!"

His mother said, "Honey—wait a minute nurse. Honey, don't cry. I'll tell you what: your blood is thin and weak and the doctor says if you have a blood transfusion you could get well. We tried Mother's blood and it wouldn't do. We tried Daddy's blood and it wasn't right. Miss Lola's blood wouldn't do and Miss Lillian Smith's blood wouldn't do. Nobody's blood would do but Brother Rice's, and he said he would give you some of his blood. They will put the needle in his arm and some of the blood will flow out through the tubing and they will measure it and put it in your arm. And you will get well. Now be a man and don't break Mother's heart." And the little fellow just straightened up. So my arm was bound and the needle was inserted.

The nurse said, "We're ready." One of the doctors was holding the little fellow's pulse. The nurse was watching and after a little bit she said, "That is twenty cubic centimeters, Doctor." And it was recorded by the other nurse. A little later she said, "That's twenty cubic centimeters." Again a little later she said, "That's twenty cubic centimeters."

The other nurse said, "Look at his lips; they are getting back their normal color. His cheeks are getting rosy again. They were so pale before."

The doctor said, "Yes, and you should feel his pulse. It is coming back strong. The little fellow is going to live. He is going to get well and strong."

The nurse said, "Twenty centimeters more, Doctor." Finally she said, "That makes two hundred cubic centimeters."

The doctor said, "That is about right. I think that is enough." So they withdrew the needle and drained the blood from the tubing. Then they put a little bit of cotton on and taped it on my arm. Then they fixed the little fellow. The mother said, "Dont forget Jackie; you must thank Brother Rice."

They got everything ready and I started to go. The doctor said, "Wait, young fellow. Get a glass of warm milk and lie here for a little bit. You are weaker than you suppose you are."

And then the little fellow was rolled out. As they rolled him out in the hallway he turned and waved back at me as he said, "Goodbye, Brother Rice. You are welcome!"

As they rolled him on down the hall I got my shirt on and got ready to leave for Bridgeport where I was to preach that night. As I drove the eighty miles I felt I could not preach about anything but the blood. Oh, the precious blood of Christ! No other blood would do—not the blood of bulls, nor heifers; not the blood of scapegoats, nor pigeons, nor turtle doves. Only the blood of Jesus Christ, the precious blood, would do! Thanks be to God we are bought with the precious blood!

Now you say, "How may I have it?" The Scripture tells you right here. The Scripture says, "Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead." Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead? Well, are you willing to risk Him; then, and trust Him to be your Saviour, and take Him for yours? He will take you and save you today if you will put your trust in Him.

"But," you say, "Brother Rice, I understand you must be born again." Yes, but that is God's end, not yours. And the Scripture continues in verse 23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." Oh, yes the Lord is ready. Will you say today, "I want to be born again. I want to be redeemed by the blood. I want to be saved and made God's own today." Then why don't you trust the Saviour, risk Him now, depend upon Him now, turn to Jesus and give Him your heart? As you trust Him, you, too, can say, "I'm saved by the precious blood of Christ!"

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"Who Is Jesus Christ?"

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the Lord?" No, there is nothing too hard for God. He had the power to break down every natural law and cause His Son to be born of a virgin.

(2) He had a sinless character.
1 Peter 2:22—“Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.” **Hebrews 4:15**—“For we have not an high priest which can not be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

There have been many good men in the world, but none have been perfect like Jesus. Every man that ever lived has sinned. All the saints in glory have sinned. But there was no sin in Jesus. Sin separates from God, but Jesus had unbroken fellowship with the Father because He did no sin. No man could ever say that Jesus spoke, thought or acted sinfully. We must bow with Pilate before Jesus’ matchless life and say, “I find no fault in this man.”

(3) He performed unheard-of miracles. The Bible records thirty-five miracles which Jesus performed. He gave sight to the blind. He gave a new body to the cripple. He gave life to the dead. Nicodemus said one night, “No man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.” Nicodemus was right; this Man was a divine Person. The world has seen many magicians, but none who could perform the miracles which Jesus performed.

(4) He died a sacrificial death.
 I grant you that many men have made their sacrifices, but none so great as the sacrifice which He made. Life was sweet to Jesus, but the salvation of the world was sweeter.

Love is one of God’s great attributes and He showed forth His love in giving. Jesus died not because He wanted to, not because He deserved to die, but because He loved us with a divine love. The thief on the cross saw how He died and said, “Lord, remember me.” The captain of the soldiers saw how He died and said, “Surely this man was the Son of God.” You and I look upon His death and say, “Greater love hath no man than this.”

(5) He arose from the dead. His resurrection climaxes every claim made for His divinity. No man but Christ has risen from the dead under his own power.

In the old days a Frenchman cried out, “Why will men follow Christ and not me and my teachings?” The answer came back, “If you will die and come back alive from the grave in three days, man will follow you as they do Christ.” But no man can do it save Jesus alone. He conquered death and the grave because He was divine.

(6) He ascended to Heaven. On Mount Olivet He raised His hands in blessing, a cloud surrounded Him and upon the bosom of that cloud He went back to the Father from whence He came. He did not go down to rest in a grave as other men do, but He climbed the starry heights on wings of power because He was so divine. No one was born as He was born; He lived a sinless life; He performed unheard-of miracles; He died a sacrificial death; He rose from the grave and ascended upon high—He must indeed be the divine Son of God.

2. His Divinity Is Shown By His Own Claims

(1) He claimed to exist with the Father before the foundation of the world. In His great prayer in John 17 He spoke of the glory that He had with the Father before the world began. In John 1:1 we go back into the ages before the world was made, and we hear that “in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” When God said, “Let us make man in our own image,” Jesus was present with Him as a part of the Trinity.

(2) He claimed to be God. He said, “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.” The age-long cry of humanity has been, “Show us the Father.” Christ came revealing the character of God. He came saying, “I am God uncovered.”

I am God in the flesh. I have come down to earth that man might find and know the holy One of Heaven.’

(3) He claimed to be able to forgive sins. No one can do that but God, but Christ as God took this upon Himself.

While Christ was preaching one day a man was let down in His presence from the roof-top. Jesus said to the man, “Thy sins be forgiven thee.” Immediately the Pharisees began to murmur, saying, “Who can forgive sins, but God alone?” For once they were right, but in order to show that He was God, Christ said, ‘Son, not only are thy sins forgiven thee, but now you can rise up and walk.’ No one can forgive sin but God and Jesus forgave sin; therefore He is God.

(4) He claimed to merit first place in the lives of men. He gave men to understand that if they followed Him they must forsake all and love Him above all. He told them that He should be the first and the foremost in every walk of life. No mere man can lay claim to all of man’s loyalty in this way, but Christ was worthy of all honor and all praise and all loyalty for He was the divine Son of God.

(5) He claimed to be the Judge of the world. This great function cannot be claimed by anyone other than God. God has three mighty functions; that of creation, that of preservation, and that of judgment. These three functions were all claimed and exercised by Christ.

We must therefore admit that Christ is divine or that He is the greatest miracle of all the ages. We must admit that His claims are true or that He is the biggest imposter in the world. We may question His divinity or doubt His virgin birth, but the fact still remains that the world has never seen a man like Jesus, for He was indeed the divine Son of the divine Father!

A man who has a good, pure wife may question the fact of her goodness and purity. Despite his doubts, her character isn’t changed—she is still good and pure. Men have doubted Christ; they have said all manner of evil things against Him, but He still remains the divine Son of God.

II. He Is God Come Down to the World in the Flesh

We read that “the word was made flesh.” Let us look at some of the proofs that Christ is God.

1. The same names were used of Jesus as were used of God.

(1) In *Isaiah 44:6* God is speaking and says, “I am the first, and I am the last.” In *Revelation 22:13* we hear Jesus say, “I am ... the first and the last.”

(2) In the twenty-fourth Psalm we hear this question, “Who is this King of glory?” And the answer comes back, “The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.” In *I Corinthians 2:8* we read that they “crucified the Lord of glory.” God and Jesus are spoken of in the same terms.

(3) In *Romans 9:5* we read that Jesus “is over all, God blessed for ever.”

2. God has five definite attributes—Christ has them all.

(1) **God is omnipotent**, and we find that omnipotence is also ascribed to Jesus. While He was upon the earth He had power over disease and death, over the winds and the waves.

(2) **God is omniscient**, and this attribute is ascribed to Jesus. The woman at the well found that Jesus knew all the secrets of her heart. God is the only One who possesses all knowledge, so we know that Christ is God.

(3) **God is omnipresent**—He is at all places at the same time. It is even so with Jesus. He tells us that He will be wherever two or three are gathered together in His name. He tells believers that He will be with them “even unto the end of the age,” wherever they may be. He is at all places at all times.

(4) **God is eternal.** In *Genesis 1:1* we read the words, “In the beginning God.” In *John 1:1*—“In the beginning was the Word.” Moses said, “I Am hath sent me.”

Jesus said, “Before Abraham was, I Am.”

(5) **God is immutable . . .** He never changes. But we also read of Jesus, that He is “the same yesterday, and to day and forever.” Jesus possesses every character of God; therefore He is God.

3. There are seven things which God alone can do and yet Christ does them all. He creates, He preserves, He forgives sin, He raises the dead, He transforms bodies, He pronounces judgment, and He bestows eternal life.

4. Christ received the same worship, faith and loyalty which was due to God alone. He taught that men should worship God only, yet He accepted this worship for Himself. In the book of Revelation we see the redeemed hosts of Heaven worshipping the Lamb even as they worshipped the Father. We read in *Hebrews 1:6*—“Let all the angels of God worship him” and the writer is speaking of Jesus. Surely one who merits the worship of angels and men is God himself.

III. He Is a Person—a Real Man

This is where Jesus comes right up close to everyone of us. Often He may seem far away, but He is a real Man and is just as approachable as the dearest friend of our hearts.

1. He had a human parentage.

We read in *Luke 2:7* that Mary “brought forth her firstborn son.” Though He was supernaturally conceived, He was indeed Mary’s Son. She was as truly His mother as God was His Father. He had a human parentage as truly as a divine parentage. In order to come close to us and to help us in every time of need He had to be human, so God gave Him a human parentage.

2. He had a human physical nature.

We read that He hungered, He thirsted, He wept, He prayed, He had compassion, He rejoiced, He suffered, He died and He was buried. We know that He had a physical body and a real physical human nature.

Because Jesus was human He knows about our human sufferings and temptations. He was the completest human being that ever lived. When you suffer, remember that He suffered and can comfort you. When you are tempted, remember that He was tempted and can help you find a way of escape. *Hebrews 2:18*—“For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”

Christ was human so that He could understand us. He was divine so that He could help us. And so in all the troubles and cares of life let us remember that He is our Elder Brother, our Companion and our Friend.

IV. He Is the Saviour of Man

1. He came into the world for this purpose.

“The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (*Luke 19:10*). “Thou shall call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins” (*Matt. 1:21*).

I thank God that He is my Saviour. I had sinned; I was on the road to Hell; but in His wondrous grace He has saved me and made me His child. How do you look upon Him? Is He the Saviour of the world, or is He your Saviour? Is He your own personal Saviour? If not, then as far as you are concerned He died in vain.

2. He is carrying on this work daily.

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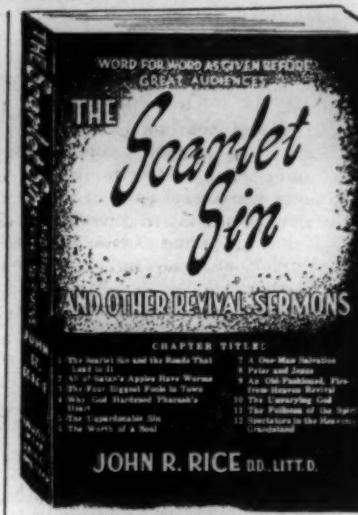
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Today I come to hand to you a loving invitation. You are invited to come to Christ and to receive the good things He has for His children. If you reject Him, in the great day of judgment you will be summoned to appear before Him. Are you ready for that great day to come? Are you ready to stand before Jesus Christ who died for you and whom you have rejected? “Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matt. 24:44).

Who is Jesus? He is God Himself. He is a wonderful Person. He is a gracious Saviour. He is our daily strength, our coming King, our final Judge. But the main question is this—is He your Saviour today?

A dear old Scotchman lay dying. His eyes were closed—he seemed to be oblivious of everything and every person around him. His wife went to the bedside and whispered in his ear: “Dinna ye ken your wee wifey?” There was no response from the old man. His daughter then whispered the words: “Dinna ye ken your wee daughter?” Still there was no response. His pastor then went to the bedside and whispering in his ear, he said: “Sandy, dinna ye ken Jesus Christ?” The eyes opened up, a smile played about his face and the old man said: “Aye, I ken Him—He is my ain dear Saviour!”

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South American YFC Director Endorses Sword Article By the Editor

From far and near letters continue to come concerning a recent article in THE SWORD OF THE LORD on Youth for Christ. Nearly all of the letter writers agree with the article. Many of the letters are from readers actively engaged in Youth for Christ meetings and not one letter from a Youth for Christ leader has been unfavorable or critical.

Among the most interesting and helpful of the letters is one from missionary Norman Lewis who has started and is director of a very successful Youth for Christ movement in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, South America. Because we are such good friends and his letter so honest and helpful, and because it is an expression from a Youth for Christ director, I take the liberty of publishing Brother Lewis' letter for the blessing it may be to others.

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"September 12, 1946

"Dr. John R. Rice
"214 West Wesley Street
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"My Dear Brother Rice:

"The August 16 issue of the SWORD is before me. I have just finished your article on Youth for Christ. And I am deeply grateful for it. I believe you have expressed the mind of the Spirit in these matters. The factor that long caused me to hesitate in associating with Youth for Christ when in the States was the large place it gave to light-hearted frolic in its program. There is a difference between jocularity and Christian joy. There is a difference between religion set to ragtime and Christian radiance. We need to release upon our YFC rallies all the Spirit-produced joy and radiance which intimate fellowship with Christ can cause to shine through our lives! But we will never move young people toward Calvary by any attempt to masquerade with merriment the gospel of a bleeding, broken-hearted Saviour. I love Youth for Christ, Brother Rice, and my prayer is that it may not be spoiled through sudden success, but rather that it may conform itself more and more to the heart and nature of the Son of God.

"It seems to me that some of the finest Youth for Christ leaders in attempting to analyze the movement have confused that which is essential with that which is incidental. Certain incidentals have thus been given a place in promotional literature which they do not deserve, and which often has been hurtful to the movement. I believe it is this which has been responsible for the minimizing of the preaching of the Word and the magnifying of the aspect of the program which you call 'sanctified frolic' (if such a marriage of words is not a misnomer.) Most of us who have any part in YFC work genuinely and ardently love the Word of God. How, then, without serious mistake, can we fail to give God's Word that grand place of supremacy it has universally enjoyed in Spirit-produced revivals? It seems the fact need only to be stated to be accepted.

"In no other revival movement I have ever read of, from Old Testament times until the present, has there been recorded any parallel to the emphasis on merriment which characterizes many Youth for Christ programs. This in itself should be a warning to us. Let us beware lest that which is incidental, and of questionable value, be mistakenly counted upon as essential in our praying and planning. Let us never forget that if souls are being saved through Youth for Christ, it is not because the audience has enjoyed seeing one or more persons make themselves mildly ridiculous in some way; rather, it is because someone, all out of sight, perhaps, is agonizing, bleeding, dying, pouring his heart's blood into travailing prayer in the long

watches of lonely nights. Souls have never been loosed from the fetters of Hell in any other way. The strong man, Satan, has his captives well bound and we will never set them free until we experience something of the burdened intercession and bloody sweat and broken heart of the Man of Sorrows.

"There may be real merit in a shorter-than-average meeting, so announced, to attract relatively indifferent or impatient people; but would it not be possible always to so proportion things as to give at least one half the total meeting time to preaching? If the meeting is one hour, let the speaker have half of it; if the people are expected to sit through a two hour meeting, let the speaker have an hour for his message and invitation. To me it seems that to do less is to insult the intelligence of the audience, the ability of the speaker, to wrongly restrict the place preaching has had in all the great revivals, and to grieve God.

"I am only one of the little fellows in Youth for Christ work, but I earnestly thank God for what He is doing through the movement here in Buenos Aires. We have sought from the first to carefully keep within the basic pattern of YFC. But the fun and frolic angle has no part in our rally. We sing joyful, radiant choruses because the Lord has put a new song in our mouths. We move with glad vitality because the Lord has changed for us our mourning into dancing. But each part of the rally has one aim—souls. Every song, every testimony, every contribution must point at souls.

"I can not yield to what I might call the bait and hook philosophy, that is, that we announce some feature of our program as a 'bait' to attract young people with the hope that in some other part of the program we will get the gospel 'hook' into them. To me this idea is wrong and dangerous. Nor can I find any such combination in the Bible, either in practice, or in principle. And here in Buenos Aires I do praise God that rally after rally sees young people coming to Christ. Some come with tears. And who will say those tears do not correspond to other tears freely shed in our Youth for Christ prayer meetings where strong cryings for souls go up to God? Oh, I do thank God for the Youth for Christ movement! We are seeing done in this city what many men said could not be done. We are crying to God that He will turn these small beginnings into a Holy Ghost empowered revival that will shake the forces of wickedness here and release a host of souls. Oh, that God may crush and pulverize the pride of us who have any place of leadership and keep us in the dust! O God, give us the vision of Thyself that Job had (chapter 42) and that Isaiah had (chapter 6) and that Daniel had (chapter 7) and that John had (Rev. 1)!

"I tremble to read YFC advertising featuring the magnetic personalities and scintillating wit and muscular prowess of its leaders with what seems to be the implication that God is mighty lucky to find chaps with such fine potentialities willing to serve Him. Oh, the pity of it all! Dare we say the Spirit of God is not grieved? Can we do less than marvel more deeply at the condescending grace of God who in spite of these insults still does use us in the matchless work of winning souls?

"Oh, Dr. Rice, may we YFC workers dare to be great in honoring God! Let us burn every bridge of flesh and risk all for success or failure on the all-mightiness of our God. We must still melt stony hearts by the passion of our tears before God. Let us dare to have YFC nights of prayer. Let us bathe our pillows with tears. Let us fast from food and fun and labor long at the mercy seat. And God will hear. And God will answer. And our Lord Jesus shall yet see through Youth for Christ fruit from the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied.

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With the Evangelists

Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners

By EVANGELIST ROBERT J. WELLS, Associate Editor

DR. OSWALD J. SMITH HOLDING REVIVALS IN BRITAIN

In a recent news release from The People's Church of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, we are informed that:

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of The People's Church, Toronto, left on the Queen Mary on September 5th, to hold campaigns in the British Isles under the auspices of the Advent Testimony and Preparation Movement. He will be in many of the cities visited by Torrey and Alexander in years gone by. The committee has asked him to remain for six months, but he has promised to stay for four months only. He would appreciate the prayers of God's people everywhere on behalf of his British campaigns."

EVANGELIST CLIFFORD LEWIS IN ST. LOUIS CAMPAIGN

Rev. John B. Hines, pastor of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, gives the following report:

"The Christ Our Hope campaign, sponsored by fifteen North Side Baptist churches in St. Louis, proved to be a great blessing to scores of people who came from all parts of the city and county to the large tent erected on the corner of Kingshighway and Natural Bridge, the most strategically located spot in the city. The meeting was held from Sunday, July 28th, through Tuesday, August 3rd.

"Dr. Clifford Lewis, internationally known evangelist, youth leader, author and editor, was the evangelist. His sane, spiritual and dynamic messages proved to be a challenge to saved and unsaved. There were approximately fifty definite conversions and over one hundred fifty rededications that we have a record of. People came forward to the prayer section behind the platform and were dealt with by skilled personal workers. Quite a number of these gave their name for church membership, either coming by baptism or transfer of church letter."

HOMER RODEHEAVER IN ATLANTA CAMPAIGN

In a recent letter from Homer Rodeheaver to Dr. Rice, he writes:

"I just closed a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, with Bishop Arthur J. Moore. I go down to Florida for a few weeks for some additional meetings. The Atlanta meeting was a fine success. We turned people away every night and the church seats around 3,000. Bishop Moore is a great evangelistic preacher..."

EVANGELIST CARLYLE SCOTT HAS GOOD MEETING

Evangelist Carlyle Scott of Crawfordsville, Indiana, writes:

"God gave a good time at Simonton Lake, Indiana, in our August tent meeting. Our largest attendance was over five hundred. There were forty-two conversions and several public rededications. One notable blessing came when a Roman Catholic man said, 'I've been in a muddle about religion all my life,' then, he slipped his hand in mine and tearfully invited Jesus into his heart."

EVANGELIST DAN VESTAL REPORTS BLESSINGS IN TEXAS

Evangelist Dan Vestal sends word that he has just concluded a campaign in The Park Street Baptist Church of Greenville, Texas. He writes:

"There were eighteen conversions, fourteen additions by letter and thirty-six rededications."

EVANGELIST COVELL KEENUM IN GADSDEN, ALABAMA

Brother Covell Keenum writes:

"The Lord gave us a great victory in Gadsden, Alabama, with Dr. V. L. Wyatt, pastor of the East Gadsden Baptist Church. Large crowds attended. After Wednesday night of the first week we had to put chairs in the aisles and the second week used the Sunday School rooms. Seventy-five were saved, sixty additions to the church and backsliders came back to the Lord, some with heart-breaking stories.

"I start a meeting with the Glen Addie Baptist Church in Anniston, September 22nd and I covet your prayers."

EVANGELIST BOB INGERSOL IN DETROIT

"The Sword of the Lord readers are requested to pray for revival services conducted by Evangelist Bob Ingersol at Eber Memorial Baptist Church, Detroit, Oct. 20-27."

WITH THE EVANGELISTS GOOD MEETING IN FARMERSVILLE, TEXAS

We were happy to receive a letter from Evangelist C. B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, Texas, telling of a good revival recently conducted in Farmersville, Texas. He writes:

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EVANGELIST CHAPMAN REPORTS BLESSINGS IN COUNTRY TRY MEETING

Evangelist Kenneth A. Chapman of Columbus, Kentucky, reports:

"I am writing to report the blessing of God upon a revival which I conducted in a country church near Benton, Missouri.

The revival was held August 18th through September 1st. From the beginning the church was filled. Most of the time there were many who could not get into the building. The church is known as the Unity Baptist Church and is located four miles south of Benton on highway 55. God richly blessed to the salvation of many souls, whole families being saved and uniting with the church; family altars were established; backsliders were reclaimed and many dedicated themselves wholly to the Lord. All records were broken in Sunday School attendance on the closing day."

DR. JOHN F. MACARTHUR REPORTS VICTORIES IN RECENT CAMPAIGNS

Evangelist John F. MacArthur of Glendale, California, reports (Continued on Page 7)

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"I would like to be a Christian," someone says, "but there is so much to give up." It is not what we give up that saves us. It is what we get. It is true that men cannot get salvation as long as they have something they are not willing to give up, but the giving up of something does not save people. We are saved by trusting the Lord Jesus Christ. When we come to Christ we give up brass for gold. We give up cheap jewelry for diamonds and pearls and emeralds. We give up poverty for riches that are eternal. We give up toll of soul for restfulness of heart. We give up darkness for light and death for life. We give up that which is not worth keeping for that which is imperishable. We give up the momentary, sensual pleasures of sin for pleasures that are eternal. We give up earthly discord for heavenly music. We give up that which will hurt us to keep for that which never harms but always helps. We give up Hell for Heaven. No man ever gives up anything for God but what God gives him something that is really worth-while in the place of it. When we become Christians, we let go of the things we have in our hands so our hands may become empty in order that we may take hold of eternal values. God wants us to keep everything that is worth keeping. He never asks us to give up anything unless it will hurt us or may hurt someone else if we do not give it up. He wants us to empty our arms so He can fill them full of blessings. He wants us to go down in penitence so some day we may go up to glory.

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"Why do you not accept Jesus

Christ as your Saviour?" the writer inquired of a very attractive young man one day.

"God loves me too much to damn me. I am not afraid of Hell," the young man replied. What an argument to make for not becoming a Christian! Somewhere the writer picked up this illustration: A boy is very ill. He is sick for a long time. He has a dreadful disease. The doctor says he may die. But the mother does not give up hope. Day and night she watches by his bed. She bathes his brow. She gives him the medicine. She goes until her limbs ache. She will not stop. She loves her boy as only a mother can love. One day the doctor says the boy is better. He will get well. He does get well, but the mother goes to bed with the disease the boy had. She got that disease because she loved the child. She got the disease because of the sacrifice she had made for her own son. The mother is gravely ill, and she will probably die. The boy is out in the yard playing with his little sister. The boy says to his sister, "I am going to pull up mother's flowers."

The sister says, "Mother loves you. She took care of you when you were sick. She is sick now because she waited on you. She doesn't want her flowers pulled up. Do not do it."

The boy says, "I know mother loves me, but because she loves me I am going to pull up her flowers." He is a mean little fellow, but he is not as mean as the man who sins against God and gives as an excuse for his sin that God loves him and that he will do as he pleases because God loves him. If the writer did not believe there was a Hell, he would think there ought to be a Hell for a man who is mean enough to sin against a good God when the man knows that God loved him so much that

He sent His Son to die on the cross to save him.

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Jesus passed through Jericho. The crowds followed Him down the street. There lived in Jericho a man named Zacchaeus. He was chief of the publicans. This means that he was a ringleader of a political organization. He was also a successful business man. He was rich. Zacchaeus may have had great mentality and he evidently was a man of energy and initiative. But he was a man of small stature. He was, therefore, on this occasion when the streets were crowded, a handicapped man. It is not always a handicap to be of small stature, but that kind of man cannot see over the heads of a crowd on the street. Zacchaeus wondered whom the crowd was following. He was interested in what was going on. He was determined to know who was attracting the crowd so he ran before and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see who it was.

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This is the story. The man who had the poorest chance to see Jesus had the best view of Him as He passed down the street. He had a grandstand seat on the limb of a tree. The man who had the poorest chance to come in touch with Jesus, before the day closed was entertaining the Lord in his home for a meal. This is the practical lesson. A handicap may and often does become a great blessing. Every human being is handicapped in some way. Some of us have poor digestion. Some have weak bodies. Some have poor memories and all of us have something that hinders us in the accomplishment of the things we feel that we want to do or that we should do. We tell our students in Bob Jones College to make stepping stones out of their stumbling stones. Paul was evidently a handicapped man. He may have had poor eyes. He certainly had some thorn in the flesh. Paul, like all the rest of us wanted to get rid of his handicap but the Lord told him that divine grace would be sufficient even though he did have a handicap. Any of us can do anything that God wants us to do regardless of our handicaps.

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We do not get rid of handicaps by denying that we have them. Some people with an inferiority complex do not wish to admit that they have an inferiority complex, so they begin to build up their ego and often they become egomaniacs. This is not the right course to follow. We should all sit down and say to ourselves, "Well, some people can do some things I cannot do. I cannot sing and some folks can. I cannot preach with the eloquence that some men have. I cannot go to the foreign mission field as a missionary as some have done. There are many things I cannot do that I really think it would be wonderful if I could do them. But I can do what God wants me to do under the circumstances that surround me in this world. I, therefore, by the grace of God, will do what I believe God wants me to do under the circumstances. If necessary to run down an alley and get by the crowd and climb a tree and be laughed at by other folks because I have more enthusiasm than they have, I will do the running and I will climb the tree. I will by the grace of God do what I believe He wants me to do, regardless of what men may think or say." This does not mean that we will be unreasonable or that we will not use good sense. The writer has always followed the rule of not doing what he thinks maybe he should do about certain things unless he can "sell" his idea to practical, spiritual men and women. Some people sometimes make the mistake of thinking what they want to do is what God wants them to do. We should be sensible.

Ever yours in Him,
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